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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DETWEILER ET AL.

Examiner

Tom Gyorfi

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10-12, 15, 17-23, 26-28, 31, 47 and 48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 10-12, 15, 17-23, 26-28, 31, and 47-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7, 10-12, 15, 17-23, 26-28, 31, and 47-48 are pending. The correspondence filed 7/27/05 amended claims 1, 10, 15, 17, 26, and 31.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 7/27/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues, *"With respect to the fourth element listed above, Brown does not teach or suggest ascertaining whether a record, pushed to a remote application data store, in its current form has already been replicated or deleted in the remote application data store in order to determine whether the remote application data store will be updated with the pushed record. Furthermore, with respect to the fifth element listed above Brown does not teach or suggest that where it ascertained that the pushed record has not been replicated or deleted, the remote application data store is updated with the pushed record and the pushed record is identified within the remote application store as having been pushed from the local application data store to the remote application data store."*

Examiner disagrees with this contention. Note that the invention disclosed by Brown is capable of making a determination as to whether a particular file has been updated on the server through the use of metadata, and that if the file has been updated on the client, it initiates a process to push it back to the remote application store (paragraph 0071). As the invention disclosed by Brown is primarily concerned with the specifics of the synchronization process in the event the file has changed, it is readily apparent that the trivial step of taking no action on an unchanged file is inherent to the Brown disclosure. Even were that not so, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

the art at the time the invention was made to include it, as doing so would save bandwidth by not requiring any data to be sent to update a file that is known to be unchanged on the server.

The remainder of Applicant's arguments are rebutted in a similar manner as discussed above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. Claims 1-7, 10-12, 15, 17-23, 26-28, 31, and 47-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown et al. (U.S. Pre-grant Publication 2002/0174180).

Referring to Claims 1 and 17:

Brown discloses a coordinated push synchronization method, comprising the acts of:

- detecting changes to a local application data store (paragraph 0056-0057);
- identifying a record affected by a detected change (paragraph 0057);
- pushing the identified record to a remote application data store (paragraph 0057);
- ascertaining whether the pushed record, in its current form as affected by the detected change, has already been replicated or deleted in the remote application data

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store in order to determine whether the remote application data store will be updated with the pushed record; if not, updating the remote application data store with the pushed record (paragraphs 0071 and 0080-0083); and

identifying the pushed record in the remote application data store as a pushed record (paragraph 0066) and identifying the pushed record in the remote application data store as having been pushed from the local application data store to the remote application data store, otherwise ignoring the pushed record (paragraph 0071).

Referring to Claims 5 and 21:

Brown discloses a coordinated user-initiated synchronization method, comprising the acts of:

detecting changes to a local application data store (paragraph 0040);

identifying a record affected by a detected change (paragraph 0041-0043);

ascertaining whether the identified record, in its current form as affected by the detected change, was pushed to the local application data store (paragraph 0040); and

if not, synchronizing the remote application data store with the local application data store (paragraph 0040).

Referring to Claims 10 and 26:

Brown discloses a coordinated push and user-initiated synchronization method, comprising:

detecting changes to a local application data store (paragraph 0040);

identifying a first record in the local application data store affected by a detected change (paragraph 0041-0043);

pushing the first record to a remote application data store (paragraph 0040);

ascertaining whether the identified pushed record, in its current form as affected by the detected change, has already been replicated in or deleted the remote application data store and, if not, updating the remote application data store with the pushed record (paragraph 0040);

detecting changes to the remote application data store (paragraph 0057);

identifying a second record in the remote application data store affected by a detected change (paragraph 0057);

ascertaining whether the second record, in its current form as affected by the detected change, has already been pushed into the remote application data store in order to determine whether the remote application data store will be updated with the pushed record and, if not, synchronizing the remote application data store with the local application data store, otherwise ignoring the pushed record (paragraphs 0071-0083).

Referring to Claims 2 and 18:

Brown discloses the limitations of Claims 1 and 17 above. Brown further discloses wherein the act of ascertaining includes comparing a local change counter associated with the pushed record in the local application data store with a remote change counter associated with a corresponding record in the remote application data store (paragraph 0079).

Referring to Claims 3, 7, 19 and 23:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claims 1, 5, 17 and 21 above. Brown further discloses, wherein the act of pushing the identified record comprises:

if the identified record has been detected as being new, pushing a replica of the identified record with instructions to save the replica in the remote application data store (paragraph 0080);

if the identified record has been detected as being modified, pushing a replica of the identified record with instruction to save the replica in the remote application data store replacing a prior version of the record (paragraph 0082); and

if the identified record has been detected as being deleted, pushing instructions to delete a prior version of the identified contained in the remote application data store (paragraph 0081).

Referring to Claims 4 and 20:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claims 1 and 17 above. Brown further discloses, wherein the act of identifying the pushed record in the remote application data store as a pushed record comprises associating an indicator with the pushed record identifying the pushed record in the remote application data store as a pushed record (paragraph 0066).

Referring to Claims 6 and 22:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claims 5 and 21 above. Brown further discloses, wherein the act of ascertaining includes examining an indicator associated with a pushed record identifying the pushed record in the remote application data store as a pushed record (paragraph 0066).

Referring to Claims 11 and 27:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claims 10 and 26 above. Brown further discloses, wherein the act of ascertaining whether the pushed record has been replicated in or deleted from a the remote application data store includes comparing a local change counter associated with the pushed record in the local application data store with a remote change counter associated with a corresponding record in the remote application data store (paragraph 0079-83).

Referring to Claims 12 and 28:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claims 10 and 26 above. Brown further discloses, wherein the act of ascertaining whether the pushed record has been replicated in or deleted from the remote application data store includes examining an indicator associated with the pushed record identifying the pushed record in the remote application data store as a pushed record (paragraph 0066).

Referring to Claims 15 and 31:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claims 10 and 26 above. Brown further discloses, after updating the remote application data store with the pushed record, identifying the pushed record in the remote application data store, as having been pushed from the local application data store to the remote application data store (paragraphs 0066 and 0071).

Referring to Claim 47:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claim 4 above. Brown further discloses, wherein the act of associating comprises setting a coordination flag for the pushed record (paragraph 0066).

Referring to Claim 48:

Brown discloses the limitation of Claim 6 above. Brown further discloses, wherein the Indicator comprises a coordination flag, a set coordination flag indicating that a record is a pushed record and a reset coordination flag indicating that the record is not a pushed record (paragraph 0066).

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Gyorfi whose telephone number is (571) 272-3849. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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